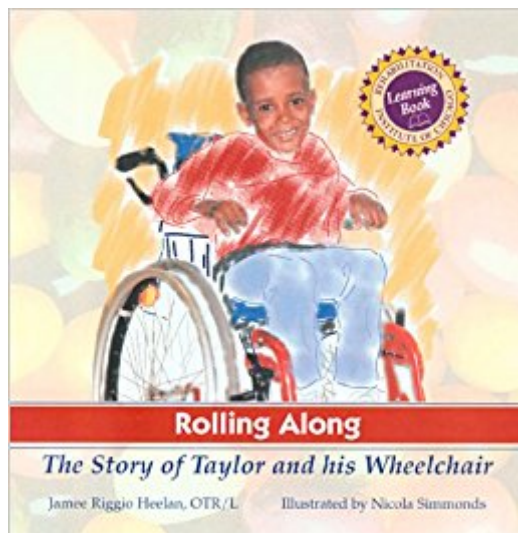


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Rolling Along: The Story Of Taylor And His Wheelchair (Rehabilitation Institute Of Chicago Learning Books)



Synopsis

Taylor and Tyler are twin brothers and best friends. But the twins are different in one significant way: Taylor has cerebral palsy, while Tyler does not. Taylor explains to readers why wheelchairs allow many people to be more independent. This triumphant story offers a valuable look at both adjusting to a wheelchair and facing physical limitations with boundless energy and determination.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

Kindergarten-Grade 3-A glimpse into the life of a young boy with cerebral palsy. Taylor describes his condition, aspects of his daily activities at home and at school, and his desire for independence. While he has been trained to use a walker, he prefers a wheelchair as it enables him to go faster and not tire as quickly. The book also includes some discussion of his physical-therapy sessions. At times, Taylor's frustrations come through, as when the illustrator shows him in his wheelchair facing a rather high set of stairs. However, in the end, the message is that he enjoys the same activities as his twin (and other children). In her mixed-media illustrations, Simmonds has superimposed photographs of the individuals' faces onto drawings, creating an interesting collage effect. This title is better suited for younger children than Alden Carter's *Stretching Ourselves* (Albert Whitman,

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The Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago, one of the top facilities of its kind in the nation, has joined with Peachtree Publishers to create the Learning Book series, which explains the needs of kids with disabilities. Here, Madison, who was born without a left hand, takes readers through the process of being fitted for her prosthesis. Although the first-person voice is young, it's not really young enough to match the pictures of Madison, who appears to be a toddler. Despite that, this is extremely informative, and children will have no problem understanding how the myo-electric hand starts out as a plaster cast, how it is fitted and refitted, and how an occupational therapist teaches Madison to work the battery and use her new hand. The artwork--photographs mixed with hand-drawn images and computer-generated backgrounds--is exceedingly eye-catching, and when it comes to the actual process of making the prosthesis, the book uses very clear, step-by-step, easy-to-follow ink drawings. An attractive, informative offering. Ilene Cooper

This is a wonderful little book! Taylor was my son's college roommate and is still a close friend. He has grown into an amazing young man, and it is such a joy to be able to share his story with my elementary students. His smile is genuine, and lights up a room just like it lights up the pages of this book. I highly recommend this as a way to help children gain understanding and empathy for those who deal with situations like Taylor's. Rather than attempt to invoke sympathy, Taylor's story shows us how someone can rise above circumstances to be successful and enjoy life no matter what!

I work with a nonprofit independent living center, and I ordered this book to read to able-bodied children as an awareness-building event. This book focuses on what makes children in wheelchairs different, but **also** what makes children in wheelchairs the same as able-bodied children.

I purchased this for a student with CP. He thoroughly enjoyed reading he could relate to.

PERFECT!!! I love this book!!!

Have you ever wondered what goes on in the day of a wheelchair-using child? This book details all the triumphs and struggles of such a child. Taylor and Tyler are twins, but while Tyler can run, jump, and skip, Taylor has cerebral palsy and walks with a walker or uses the wheelchair. Readers can

see how Taylor attends daily physical therapy sessions with Kathryn, a physical therapist, and how he colors, studies, and does other, ordinary activities with his brother. He even plays basketball in his wheelchair. Tyler is helping Taylor learn to do wheelies with his wheelchair. Despite the daredevil connotation, wheelies are useful for getting up on curbs and other uneven spots. Situations that hinder Taylor are those that unimpaired people probably don't notice: tall water fountains and sinks; small bathrooms; steps and stairs, and heavy doors. All public buildings after ADA are required to remedy these shortcomings (as far as I am aware), but of course, not every building is disabled accessible, even in 2005. Illustrations are clever half drawings, half photographs. For example, photographed head and arms are joined by casually drawn bodies and props. This approach evokes more energy, perhaps, than mere photos of a boy in a wheelchair. This engaging, positive view of cerebral palsy will have students saying, "Gee, I didn't know how much a disabled person can do."

I am an elementary teacher and the parent of a child with cerebral palsy. I can honestly say that *Rolling Along* is the best book written for children about cerebral palsy/physical disabilities that I have seen so far! The language is engaging and child appropriate. The author does an excellent job of showing that children with disabilities are really just like children without disabilities....they just move differently. I was so impressed with this book that I donated a copy to my son's school library. I plan on donating another copy to his classroom and I will definitely use this book in my own classroom.

This delightful child's book takes the mystery out of a child with a disability. It explains the need for a wheelchair and how beneficial using a wheelchair can be. Building accessibility, social interaction and play are also well-represented. This book would be great to share with young elementary children although the illustrations are clear enough for younger children. A much needed text for families facing childhood disablement, classrooms who serve children with special needs, and pediatric therapy waiting rooms!

This very touching story is about twin brothers, one of whom is handicapped and the other isn't. After Taylor gets his wheelchair, a new world of independence is opened to him. The reader comes to see that a wheelchair can be the best part of a new and wonderful life. This book is a simple, easy read teaching a positive attitude regarding the ups and downs of life.

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